



"RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116 –  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE EXAMINING  
GROUP 1722"

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IN RE APPLICATION OF :

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FOR: DEVICE AND PROCESS FOR  
REFINING SOLID MATERIAL :

AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated March 20, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.